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USSR-Berlin: In the most optimistic Soviet assessment to date of the US-Soviet negotiations on Berlin, a public lecturer in Moscow stated on 30 April that agreement could come as early as May or June and almost certainly could be achieved "during this year." He described the proposals Secretary Rusk presented to Gromyko at Geneva as reasonable and said they contained significant changes in the US po-The lecturer expressed the view that while sition. the French could veto an agreement on liquidating the "occupation regime" in West Berlin, this could be negotiated. He said that Chancellor Adenauer and Foreign Minister Schroeder were now displaying a more flexible attitude.

This optimistic appraisal, following the recent encouraging pronouncements by Khrushchev and Gromyko and the USSR's relatively moderate and unprovocative reaction to US atmospheric nuclear tests, provides further evidence of the Soviet leaders' desire to prevent recriminations over testing from up-

setting the hilateral talks on Berlin. 25X1

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	Although Adoula recognizes that a continued stalemate on the Katanga issue could bring down his government, the draft agreement presented to Tshombé provides little to attract the Katangan leader. Tshombé, who would use this issue to further delay the negotiations, has characterized Adoula's proposals as reserving more power to the central government than the present Fundamental Law	
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25X1	ity with which the measures have been pressed through the formalities of legislative approval suggests that the Nationalist Government is seeking to present Washington with a fait accompli, i.e., a program of military preparedness directed toward a return to the mainland.						
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Tribal Disturbances Likely in Uganda

Buganda and Bunyoro, the two kingdoms involved in the territorial dispute, have been at odds on the issue since the late nineteenth century, when the British subdued Bunyoro with Buganda assistance. As a reward, the British permitted Buganda to take over large sections of Bunyoro, including some parts which are significant to the Bunyoro tribal religion. Bunyoro has not allowed the dispute—the so-called "lost counties" issue—to die, and many of the inhabitants in the transferred areas have retained their cultural identity. The region was the scene of widespread disturbances after last February's elections to the Buganda legislature.

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Prime Minister Obote, whose Uganda Peoples' Congress won nearly an absolute majority of the seats in last week's assembly elections, may need the support of the Buganda traditionalist party for a working majority. There are still 11 seats in the 91-member assembly to be chosen; if Obote can win nine of these, he will not need the Buganda alliance. If he should exclude the Buganda party from the government, however, or if the party feels Obote is not supporting it on the "lost counties" issue, Buganda may be tempted to break its recently forged links with the protectorate government and reassert its traditional demands for greater autonomy.

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